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SUBJECT: FISHERIES LIMITS ISSUE: ICELAND TO PROCLAIM 200 MILES

REF: MARTIN/PINKNEY TELECON 7-10

1. AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD JULY 10TH BY MFA LEGAL ADVISOR
ANDERSEN THAT ICELAND WILL ISSUE REGULATION JULY 15

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EXTENDING FISHERIES LIMITS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15 TO

200 MILES. DRAFT REGULATIONS TO BE MADE PUBLIC JULY 15 IF GOI APPROVES AS FINAL. DRAFT AIRMAILED ANNE PINKNEY EUR/NE TODAY SETS COORDINATES AND STATES THAT "WITHIN THE FISHERY LIMITS ALL FISHING ACTIVITIES BY FOREIGN VESSELS SHALL BE PROHIBITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LAW NO 33 OF 19 JUNE 1922..." THIS STATEMENT IS AMBIGUOUS, HOWEVER, SINCE REFERENCED LAW ALLOW GOI TO MAKE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES FOR FISHING WITHIN LIMITS. ANDERSEN TOLD AMBASSADOR GOI WISHES TO PURSUE POSSIBLE AGREEMENTS WITH BOTH UK AND FRG.

2. GOVERNMENT HAS HELD CONSULTATIONS BOTH WITHIN ITS OWN PARTIES AND WITH OPPOSITION AND HAS FOUND, AS EXPECTED, THAT INDEPENDENCE PARTY FAVORS MAKING AGREEMENTS WITH UK AND FRG INCLUDING FISHERIES MINISTER MATTHIAS BJARNASON WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY OPPOSED BUT HAS BEEN PERSUADED THAT NATIONAL INTERESTS SHOULD HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER THOSE OF HIS CONSTITUENCY. PEOPLES ALLIANCE HAS SWITCHED GROUNDS AGAIN AND NOW CLAIMS TO BE ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO ANY FOREIGN FISHING WITHIN 200 MILES. OLL HAS NO STRONG FEELINGS ON QUESTION WHILE PROGRESSIVES ARE, AS USUAL, DIVIDED AND AMBIVALENT. SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ARE PUBLICLY OPPOSING FOREIGN FISHING BUT PRIVATELY ADMITTING IT WOULD BE IN ICELAND'S INTEREST TO MAKE AGREEMENTS.

3. DRAFT REGULATION STATES THAT, "WHERE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE BASE-LINES OF THE FAROEES AND GREENLAND ON THE ONE HAND AND ICELAND ON THE OTHER IS LESS THAN 400 NAUTICAL MILES, THE FISHERY LIMITS OF ICELAND SHALL BE DEMARCATED BY THE EQUIDISTANT LINE. THESE REGULATIONS SHALL NOT BE ENFORCED FOR THE TIME BEING OR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE IN THE AREA OUTSIDE THE EQUIDISTANT LINE BETWEEN THE BASE-LINES OF JAN MAYEN AND ICELAND." ANDERSEN SAID GOI WISHES TO LEAVE SITUATION AMBIGUOUS REGARDING JAN MAYEN SINCE IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER NORWAY WILL TRY TO CLAIM 200 MILES AROUND IT AND SINCE THERE ARE RUMORS THERE MIGHT BE POSSIBILITIES OF OIL BETWEEN THE EQUIDISTANT LINE AND ICELAND'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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200 MILES LINE. IN THAT CONNECTION, NORWEGIAN FIRST SECY TOLD DCM, NORWAY WAS UNLIKELY TO MAKE A 200 MILE CLAIM AROUND AN UNINHABITED ISLAND AND THAT NORWAY CERTAINLY HAD NO WISH TO GET INTO A TERRITORIAL DISPUTE WITH ICELAND.

4. AS TO BE EXPECTED, REGULATION IS BILLED AS A CONSERVATION MEASURE AND JUSTIFIED ON THE GROUND THAT

"THERE IS NOW OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE
THAT A COASTAL STATE MAY ADOPT A 200 MILE ECONOMIC
ZONE WITHIN WHICH IT MAY DETERMINE THE TOTAL ALLOWABLE
CATCH OF THE LIVING RESOURCES AS WELL AS ITS OWN
CAPACITY TO UTILIZE THAT CATCH."

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